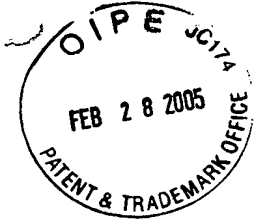


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the February 14, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects species A1 with traverse. Claims 1-14 read on Species A1 and are directed to Figs. 1-4 and 7-16.

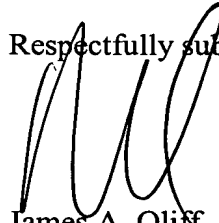
Moreover, claims 1-10 are generic claims. Thus, should claims 1-14 be allowed, it is respectfully requested that claim 15-17 be rejoined with claims 1-14 based on the scope of generic claims 1-10.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of both species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits,

even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

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